



TOP 5 COMMON FALSE POSITIVES

Improve Your Program

False Positive

When a drug screen has detected the presence of a substance that was not actually consumed, or used, resulting in a positive test result.

Why is this Important?

Substance use maintenance programs monitor individuals for sobriety through drug screens. Positive test results can have devastating consequences, sometimes leading to termination from the program or relapse.



SUBSTANCE CROSS REACTIONS

01

Buspirone or Buspar: Positive for Fentanyl (FEN/FYL)

BuSpar (buspirone) is an anti-anxiety medicine that affects chemicals in the brain that may be unbalanced in people with anxiety.

02

Ranitidine: Positive for Methamphetamine (mAMP/MET)

Ranitidine, found in Zantac, is known as an H2 blocker. It works by reducing the amount of acid in your stomach and is used to prevent and treat heartburn and

03

Doxylamine: Positive for Methadone (MTD)

Doxylamine is an antihistamine, used to relieve symptoms of allergy, hay fever, and the common cold and is also found in certain sleep aids, such as Unisom.

04

Naltrexone: Positive for Oxycodone (OXY)

Found in Vivitrol, Naltrexone, is an FDA approved medication used to treat Opioid Use Disorder by binding and blocking opioid receptors in the brain, reducing effects and cravings.

05

Venlafaxine & Lamotrigine: Positive for PCP

Found in Effexor, venlafaxine is used to treat depression, anxiety disorder and panic disorder. Lamotrigine, found in Lamictal, is used to treat seizures and Bi-Polar disorder.